

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Table 1 at page 5 of the specification as follows:

Table 1
Literature comparison of known preparative processes.

| | Document 1 | Document 2 | Document 3 | Document 4 |
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| | EP 12201 | WO 96/39455 | WO 90/06295 | WO 96/39455 |
| Starting materials | p-Chloroaniline | 4-Chlorotoluene | 2-Chlorotoluene | 2,5-Chlorotoluene |
| Solvent | DMAC | NMP | DMF | NMP |
| Temperature | 80°C | 60°C | 70°C | 90°C |
| Concentration of material | 1.57 mol/l | mol/l | mol/l | 0.96 mol/l |
| Molar ratio of starting material to nickel | 1:0.06 | 1: 0.05 | 1: 0.05 | 1: 0.075 |
| Molar ratio of starting material to ligand | 1:0.5 | 1:0.1 | 1:0.075 with two phosphorus per ligand | 1:0.4 |
| Reaction time | 1 h | 17h | 16h | 36h |
| Yield | 88% (GC) | 95% (GC) | 95% (GC) | 92% |
| M _w [g/mol] | Dimer | Dimer | | Dimer |